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### **JACK WETZEL MAKES \$3 MILLION BEQUEST TO AIKEN HORSE PARK FOUNDATION**

Aiken, South Carolina, November 25, 2020 --- Aiken Horse Park Foundation is pleased to announce a major planned gift. Foundation President and Co-Founder, Jack Wetzel will bequeath \$3 million to the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. This transformational gift is an important addition to the Foundation's endowment established to ensure that the legacy of the late R. Bruce Duchossois will continue for generations to come. It also furthers Jack's vision to solidify the Park's ongoing partnership with our community.

Established in 2013, and receiving its 501©3 status in September of 2014, the Aiken Horse Park Foundation's Bruce's Field has fast become a favored competition venue for some of the world's best equestrians, by offering state of the art facilities while maintaining an elegant charm with old world hospitality.

Upon announcing his generous commitment to the foundation: Mr. Wetzel acknowledged that Bruce's dream has far surpassed expectations:

*I am so honored to help perpetuate this wonderful gift that Bruce has left us all. Aiken embraced us both in the mid-eighties when we first made our home here. Like Bruce I want to show my appreciation to my adopted home that will not only have a significant impact on the equestrian community but also lay the groundwork for others to follow.*

Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Robert Hottensen recognized the importance of Jack's gift saying:

*Jack's desire to selflessly invest in our mission provides a strong foundation for our future plans and ignites a spark for great things to come. I know I speak for the entire board when I say that we are all eternally grateful for Jack's unwavering support and his desire to raise the bar.*

*The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and to encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors.*



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